

NOTICE TO NAVIGATION INTERESTS



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RESTRICTED NAVIGATION DEPTHS

OKEECHOBEE WATERWAY, FLORIDA

- 1. Water levels in Lake Okeechobee continue to decline. Navigation a interests are advised that restricted navigation depths are being encountered in the Okeechobee Waterway.
- 2. Shoaling conditions have restricted the navigation depth along Lake Okeechobee Route 1 near Port Mayaca Lock to approx. 7.06 feet at a lake water elevation of 13.12 feet, NGVD.
- 3. Route 2 (the Rim Canal) is currently closed. Please refer to Notice to Mariners Bulletin dated March 24, 2006.

The table below gives Lake Conditions at a glance for Route 1:

Lake Level (ft., NGVD) Available Navigation Depth (ft.) 13.12 * 7.06 12.62 * 6.56 12.12 * 6.06

*Available depth may be temporarily impacted up to 1.1 feet by strong winds. Prudent boating should be exercised according to prevailing weather.

4. Additional information concerning Lake Okeechobee and the adjoining waterway may be obtained by visiting the website at www.saj.usace.army.mil and select WATER MANAGEMENT then select NAVIGATION BULLETINS AND LOCK CLOSURE INFORMATION or by contacting the US Army Corps of Engineers South Florida Operations Office, at (863) 983-8101 or Mack Wilson, Jacksonville District, (904)232-2022.

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